

REMARKS

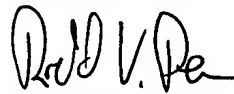
Claim 67 has been amended to remove the 5-membered rings as requested.
Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejections be withdrawn.

Applicants' attorney sincerely and respectfully requests that the Examiner consider, a telephone (805-447-3299) or personal interview to resolve any outstanding issues deemed appropriate by the Examiner.

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